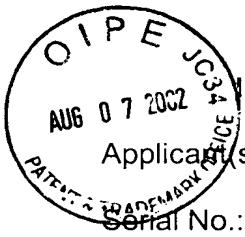


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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an European Search Report, and copies of documents cited therein, in connection with a corresponding European patent application. Note that enclosed herewith are copies of patent abstracts of various of the cited Japanese patent documents; copies of the Japanese patent documents themselves are not enclosed. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, the following statement is made under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1):

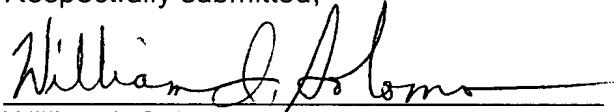
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In this regard, note that the Communication transmitting the European Search Report to agents for applicants, also enclosed herewith, is dated May 7, 2002.

In view of all the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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